

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2193 as passed by the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2193 would reduce the maximum period of probation for certain third degree felonies from 10 to 5 years. This bill would shorten the probation for those who are convicted of assault on a peace officer and taking a weapon away from a peace officer. I will not sign legislation that reduces penalties for offenses against law enforcement officers.

This bill would also reduce the maximum period of probation for offenses such as kidnapping, injury to a child, repeated spousal abuse, intoxication assault and habitual felony drunk driving. These are serious crimes and I do not believe Texas should reduce probationary sentences for offenders who endanger the lives of others in such crimes.

House Bill No. 2193 would also add court fines to expand drug courts in Texas; however, there was no appropriation of these new revenues and the intended purpose would not be funded.

Attempts to improve this legislation that would have provided greater public safety were rebuffed, ensuring a flawed piece of legislation that would endanger public safety made it to my desk instead of one that could have made needed improvements to our probation system.

This legislation has raised concerns from many on the front lines of prosecuting these crimes, and I can only conclude their opposition stems from good cause.

Senate Bill No. 1, the Appropriations Bill, provides \$55 million in additional funding for probation officers, which will help reduce their caseloads, and I support that funding.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2005.

*Rick Perry*

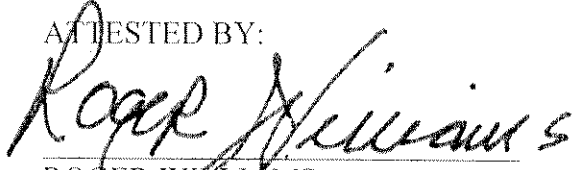
RICK PERRY

Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
2:30pm O'CLOCK

JUN 17 2005

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roger Williams", written over a horizontal line.

ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State